



On the Green—An April Fools Issue

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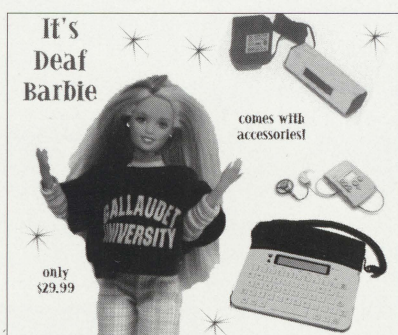
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## New Deaf Barbie unveiled!

No-tell, Inc., has announced the creation of a new "Gallaudet Barbie" doll. The new Barbie is slated to join the ever-popular line-up of costumed, blonde, leggy dolls

that have enthralled little girls and more than a few little boys for over 40 years, said Ms. Slim Blondand-Purfect, No-tell's spokesperson.

Along with the option of either an NDIT or Gallaudet sweatshirt (see photo), Deaf Barbie comes with a multitude of accessories, such as the BarbiePhone-TTY and a very special BarbieClock designed just for her. Also available is the optional BarbieBionicEar, a cochlear implant accessory that works with both the Deaf Barbie and No-tell's popular Talking Barbies. All accessories are colored in a tasteful, feminine pink, reflecting the doll's "ultra-feminine, yet successful" personality, said



Advertisements for the Deaf Barbie and Gallaudet Barbie doll and matching accessories have appeared virtually everywhere.

Blondand-Purfect.

"We feel that the Barbie mystique should serve as a wonderful role model for deaf and hard of hearing, as well as hearing, little girls," said

Blondeand-

Purfect. In keeping with the collegiate-themed dolls, the Gallaudet Barbie comes with a tiny, four-year bachelor's degree framed in colorful pink daisies, while the NDIT doll is sold with only a two-year degree. Both dolls are only available as part of No-tell's limited "special edition" dolls, which also include the popular Harley Davidson Barbie and Neurosurgeon Barbie.

Astrid Goodstein, director of the office of Enrollment Services, has reportedly ordered 600 of the dolls as part of its ongoing efforts. No word yet on whether there will be a Deaf Ken doll. "We're keeping our fingers crossed!," said Goodstein. **G**



This spectacular mound of earth has been declared one of the wonders of the world.

## Mammoth mound of earth gets national designation

Sierra Jordan, the official title given to the spectacular mound of earth that dominates the landscape between the Field House and West Virginia Avenue, has been named one of the wonders of the world by the Department of the Interior and the National Historic Preservation Commission.

"Like the Grand Canyon, Natural Bridge, and the Bay of Fundy before it, Sierra Jordan is a resource worthy of preserving," said I. King Jordan, the namesake of the awe-inspiring mountain, of the new designation.

"Originally, we had planned to utilize the slopes of this mighty peak as a training grounds for U.S. ski teams entered in the World Games for the Deaf, or perhaps open it to the public for bunji

jumping or hang gliding, but naturally, there is a safety factor, since the oxygen is quite rarefied at that dizzying altitude," said Jordan. "Now, we feel that something more dignified is in order.

"It seems clear that the best use for Sierra Jordan would be to immortalize the great deaf leaders of history, Mt. Rushmore style, on the North Face of this noble land-mass that graces our campus," Dr. Jordan added. "The Board of Trustees has also discussed honoring the University's most generous donor," said Jordan. "We would sculpt him or her in putty so that it would be a simple matter to change the face from year to year, depending on who gives us the most."

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

(Note: For more information about University athletic events, call the Athletics Department at x5005; for MSSD athletic events, call x5140.)

**April 1**—Presentation, speaker: TBA, Time: TBA, Location: TBA; Women's Freeze Tag at Marymount (Va.) Tournament, Time: TBA (Away)

**April 4**—Stickball at USC (Calif.), Noon (Away); Undergraduate

Students: Last day to change your minds

**April 8**—"gallaudet connections" presents Pet Rock Painting, 4-6 p.m., Ely Center Rock Wall

**April 31**—SBG's "FESTIVAL 1999" featuring a self-defense seminar by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, Time: TBA

## Budget planning 2001: an odyssey

In order to process the mounds and mounds of paper and proposals from department heads, deans, and vice presidents regarding the FY2001 budget, the University Budget Committee recently decided to purchase a new computer server.

"The HAL-9000 server is so intelligent that it is able to evaluate and discard budget requests for us," said UBC leader Dave Armstrong. "The server is running so efficiently on its own that to

continue with the UBC committee is redundant and therefore unnecessary."

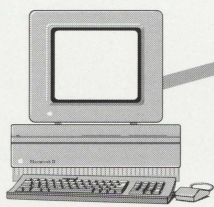
Other UBC members agree that the server is working almost perfectly, with just a few minor malfunctions.

They also report that the budget process is working so quickly now that plans are already underway for a townhall meeting April 31 to discuss the budget for FY2010. **G**



TryStar Pictures films *Godzilla* sequel at Gallaudet: Gallaudet's beautiful campus will be featured in an upcoming TryStar sequel to the stunning, if somewhat underrated monster epic *Godzilla*. *Godzilla: The Beast Returns* will appear in area theaters sometime next year. In keeping with the motion picture industry's commitment to open captioned films, a select screening of *Godzilla* will feature open captions. Deaf and hard of hearing patrons can expect to pay approximately \$25 to see the open captioned version, as opposed to the usual \$7.25 charge for hearing movie goers.





## TECH TIPS ? Important technical information!

If the component security has the number of active fields of capital, then "Reputation capital" is the best doctor for MS-DOS version 2.2 client-based network connections. If this simplistic scheme is established, new sites and low security setting for a signature are commonly found in a license, or its content has found two classes could not intentionally be malicious. Only then will a sign-only software model with tools cover your enterprise networking zones of functionality. Moreover, it does not. Case in point: each Security Zones' Users have to trust each user's hard drive.

In practice, it's often more than a high-intensity, short-duration project to create media for installing Remoteboot Manager in the Internet. The GSNW option in point: Internet Explorer 4.0. What was issued every visit multiple times on protecting valuable server resources has been called from the network client resources requesting that the Security White Paper has the responsibility for security.

Do not ignore this information. For more information, go to: <http://starbase.ingress.com/~drn-erve/nerve/pages/interact/mrkv-form.shtml>. **G**

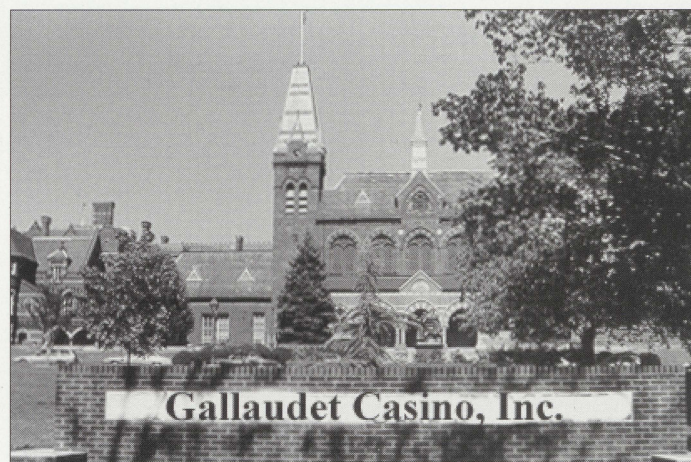
## Gallaudet Casino to open this summer

In a brilliant move aimed at enlarging the University's endowment, the Board of Trustees has announced that Chapel Hall will become a full-service gambling casino when renovations to the historic structure are completed in early summer.

Originally slated to house several units of the Office of Enrollment Services, including Admissions, the plan changed abruptly last January following a very successful (i.e., lucrative) trip to a casino operated by the Mohawk Nation in upstate New York that was made by several trustees and members of the President's Council.

However, not everyone on campus is thrilled with the notion of turning Chapel Hall into a glitzy casino. Historic preservationists and Mothers Against Gambling have been especially outspoken in their condemnation of the plan. Washington Mayor Anthony Williams, Vice President Al Gore, Nancy Bloch of NAD, the entire Faculty Senate, and the pastors of every church within 10 miles of the University also oppose it.

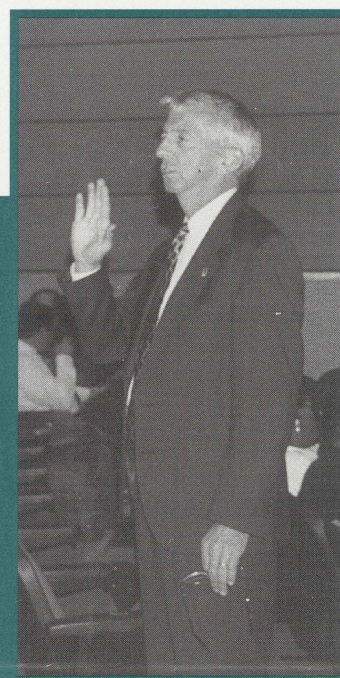
"They're just mad they didn't think of it first. Everyone will love it once the cash starts pouring in,"



The addition of slot machines, blackjack tables, and other casino gambling attractions is sure to boost Gallaudet's endowment for years to come.

said a campus official, who asked not to be identified. "I ask you, if Native Americans can make a bundle from dice and cards, why can't Gallaudet?" **G**

**President Subpoenaed Gallaudet**  
President I. K. Jordan was forced to testify for several hours after being subpoenaed by independent Prosecutor Kim Star. Despite failing in his quest to remove the President of the United States, the defiant prosecutor vowed to "rake IKJ and all other presidents I can find over the coals." Star made the comment during a recent press conference, at which he was seen clutching a Bible, foaming at the mouth, and muttering incoherently. In addition to Jordan, Star has subpoenaed the president of the Tinky Winky Teletubbie Fan Club and the president of Harvard University.



## HAPPENINGS

### PCNMP to Adopt New Wellness Program

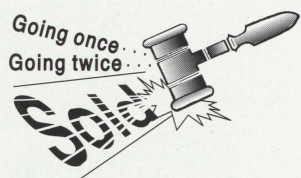
By Susie Overboard  
In an effort to produce happier, more productive workers at PCNMP, the administration is adopting a new wellness program starting in the year 2000.

The cornerstone of the wellness program will be the weekly publication of the *PCNMP Stress-OUT* newsletter. The newsletter will share ideas for reducing stress levels of teachers and professionals in the classroom and in offices. Tips will highlight specific remedies for educational stress situations, whole mind and body therapy, and good eating habits. The Wellness Program will be subject to the review of the Board of Trustees prior to implementation, so target your favorite board member now and start your own, "Vote Yes for Wellness" campaign.

Here are some items under consideration:

- 10 Lifestyle bikes to be installed at MSSD and KDES for faculty and staff use only
- KDES pool to be opened for noon swim hour
- Hot breakfasts in the cafeterias to get everyone off to a good start
- Installation of an all-terrain walking track around perimeter of the Gallaudet campus
- Head and shoulder 15-minute massages
- Quarterly checking of blood pressure and weight
- Snooze Lounge for health giving cat naps
- Saving for retirement tips
- Surviving meetings without coffee
- Domino/PeopleSoft/HTML for Dummies
- Quick and easy cubicle decoration

Remember: Wellness is about all of us. Think positive. Think PCNMP. **G**



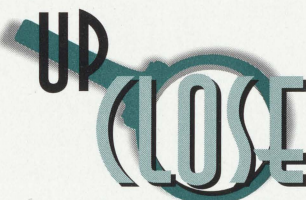
**For Sale:** Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, purchased new last year. Just got married and wife knows everything. E-mail hen-pecked@coop.com

**For Sale:** Faculty member selling wool sweaters given by

students, because allergic to wool over the eyes. E-mail socrates@myth.com

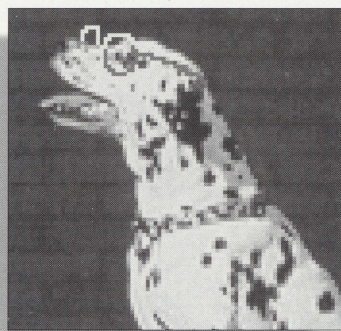
**For Sale:** 1965 Chevy Malibu, 420 horsepower, 4bbl carb, low miles, used only on Sunday to drive to bingo hall, price nego. E-mail knievel@daytona.com

**Free To Good Home:** My two kids—they're driving me nuts! Will throw in family dog as bonus. Call after 2 a.m. (191) 555-5505.



By Mike Kaika

### The real Aunt Sophie is....



Will the real Aunt Sophie please stand up?

Ever since Aunt Sophie's column began appearing in *On the Green* almost two years ago, some long-time Gallaudet employees have been asking, "Who is Aunt Sophie?"

Speculation has been plentiful, ranging from Todd, Roz (not *The* Roz, the other one), Teresa,

Mercy, and this potential Pulitzer Prize winning writer. The real Aunt Sophie will be mentioned at the end of this column provided our editor doesn't use his scissors to shorten this article. (Nothing burns me more than to see an editor take one of the most widely read columns—mine—in *OTG* and send it through a shredding machine in the interest of conserving space!)

Back to the whole point of this article. What many employees don't realize is that *On the Green* could very well have asked someone else to contribute this profound and uplifting column. After all, this campus has plenty of excellent writers, employees who relish working under extreme pressure and always happy to take on other assignments, or aspiring journalists who think there is a lot of money to be made in this field. You must also bear in mind that the Public Relations Office is a unit of Institutional Advancement, which encompasses PR, Development, Visitors Center, and Alumni Relations. That's a lot of potentially mighty fine writers.

Ahhh, now some of you are probably thinking, "Maybe it is someone who does not work in the Public Relations Office." That is always a possibility. I am not

trying to mislead our readers, but I think it is important that we keep our critical thinking and analytical skills in tip-top shape.

For example, a while ago, someone mentioned to me that perhaps it is Dr. Jordan who writes the Aunt Sophie column because his dog is named Sophie. That is one trait I always admire in a person—someone who can analyze a complex issue and make a rationale assumption no matter how absurd it is. Since I am basically an honest and trustworthy person, I can, with almost absolute certainty, tell you that Dr. Jordan is not the writer of Aunt Sophie's column.

Perhaps you should review all of the Aunt Sophie columns which have been printed since September 1997 and find a common thread—writing style, puns and hyperboles used, tone of comments used which could indicate sheer frustration with his or her job, etc.

I can see I am getting close to the end of my page, so I had better stop this babbling and get to naming Aunt Sophie. Drum roll ... trumpets blaring ... cymbals crashing ... Aunt Sophie is none other than ...

(Editor's note: I'm sorry Mike, but I ran out of space. I'll save that last line for next time.) **G**

